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## City of Milwaukee Disparity Study Information Sessions set for March 25th

The City of Milwaukee has commissioned Griffin & Strong, P.C. to conduct a disparity study which will determine whether there is a disparity between the percentage of minority and women owned firms that are available to provide goods and services to the City and the City's utilization of those firms. A disparity study is an objective research tool whose findings of discrimination, if any, are a prerequisite to any race or gender based remedial program.

Public participation in the study is critical and **Alderman Russell W. Stamper, II** -- who sponsored the successful legislation to launch the study -- is urging Milwaukee citizens to take part in the study.

"In order to ensure that those of us who perceive or have experienced racial and gender disparities in city contracting are actually heard, and those who haven't experienced these disparities are also heard; it is necessary to have all citizens possible participate in this study, as this will directly impact decisions we make to better serve our city," Alderman Stamper said.

Griffin & Strong, P.C. will kick off the study by hosting **two informational webinars** on Thursday, March 25th. These online sessions will provide the community with the opportunity to ask questions, learn about the study process, and discuss how they can participate. **Residents can join** the March 25th 2:00 p.m. session here <a href="http://bit.ly/30vJLR0">http://bit.ly/30vJLR0</a>, and the 5:00 p.m. session here <a href="http://bit.ly/3vaQCgM">http://bit.ly/3vaQCgM</a>.